



## Spring Trail Access and Condition Update June 10<sup>th</sup> – June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Summer Trail Highlights

- A slow melt out continues, though most Wilderness trails remain under snow. Near the Crest, snow line is around 5200 ft. Further from the Crest, snow line is above 6000 ft. Extremely limited access and parking along much of Cascade Lakes Highway. The Deschutes River Trail, Horse Butte area, the Phil's system, and low elevation trails around Sisters are all accessible. See inside for more details.
- Please do NOT use snowy and muddy trails. Snow and mud forces visitors off the trail and into sensitive areas, leading to resource damage. Better to wait until the trail is dry and you can visit without trampling vegetation.
- TEMPORARY TRAIL CLOSURE in effect for multiple trails and roads in the Phil's and Wanoga system including Funner, Storm King and Phil's Trail. See inside for more details.
- WILDERNESS PERMITS WILL BE REQUIRED from 19 trailheads for day use and all trailheads for overnight use in the Mt Jefferson, Mt Washington and Three Sisters Wildernesses from June 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see inside at the top of Page 2.
- Cascade Lakes Welcome Station closed until further notice. Lava River Cave and Lava Lands Visitor Center both open with limited capacity.
- Got a trail report to share? Relevant information includes things like snow and access, number of downed trees, and overall condition of trail. Send emails to [joseph.welke@usda.gov](mailto:joseph.welke@usda.gov)



**FS Trail Crew member removing downed tree on Winopee Lake Trail, near Cultus Lake. Limited log out is in progress on upper elevation trails.**



**Green Lakes Trailhead on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Snow line is variable but still around 5200 ft, leaving most high elevation trails inaccessible. Deep snow exists above 6500 ft.**



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## **WILDERNESS PERMITS:**

Beginning in 2021, Wilderness permits are now seasonally required at 19 trailheads for day use and all trailheads for overnight use in the Mt Jefferson, Mt Washington and Three Sisters Wildernesses. This year, permits will be required from **June 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022**. Overnight permits will become available starting **April 5<sup>th</sup>**. However, the majority of overnight permits will be released in the 7-day rolling window closer to the hiking season. The day use permits will become available for the 10-day rolling window release starting **June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

**How do I learn more about the permit program?**

[Willamette National Forest - Home \(usda.gov\)](https://www.usda.gov/land-management/permits)

**How do I get a permit once they are available?**

[Recreation.gov - Camping, Cabins, RVs, Permits, Passes & More](https://www.recreation.gov/camping/cabins/rvs/permits-passes-more)

Then put “Central Cascades Wilderness” in the search and all options will show. Reservations can also be made over the phone.

## **Deschutes National Forest Summer Trail Conditions**

**Last Updated: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**\*\*Conditions subject to change without notice and at whim of nature.\*\***

### **Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District**

❖ **Phil's Area Trails** – Snow free and clear. Please do not ride on muddy trails.

Also, the following temporary trail and road closures are in effect to protect the public's safety as thinning and fuel reduction work continues:

- Storm King Trail between the junction with Forest Road 4615 and the junction with Phil's Trail.
- Phil's Trail, between the junction with EXT and it's western terminus at the junction with Pine Drops.
- Lower Whoops, Pine Drops and EXT.
- Forest Roads 320 and 322.
- Marvin's Garden Trail from the intersection with KGB north to the intersection with Forest Service Road 4604-031.
- KGB Trail from the intersection with Marvin's Garden Trail east to the National Forest boundary.
- COD Trail east from the intersection with Marvin's Garden Trail to the junction with Cascades Lakes Highway.



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Trail and road closures will be in place on Mondays starting at 12am through Fridays until 3pm. The closures are NOT in place on weekends and federal holidays. The trails will fully reopen when the work is completed.

E-Bikes are NOT allowed on any non-motorized trails.

For more information on COTA, go to: <http://cotamtb.com/>

- ❖ **Deschutes River Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Sunriver, 41 Road, and Welcome Station Area** – COD, Catch and Release, Lower Tyler's, Storm King and Roundabout all snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Sun Lava Paved Path** between Sunriver, Benham East and Lava Lands (Trailhead access points at south end of Lava Lands parking lot, Benham East or Circle 7 in Sunriver). Snow free and clear. Pine needles may exist on surface. Heavy use on weekends.
- ❖ **Lava Lands Trails** - Open for the season.
- ❖ **Tumalo Creek 2 Trail** – Likely snow free on lower portion. Possible downfall. Hiker only.
- ❖ **Wanoga Area** – Variable. Most trails snow free. Lingering snow on Dinah-Moe-Hum Trail. Also, the following temporary trail and road closures are in effect to protect the public's safety as thinning and fuel reduction work continues:
  - Funner Trail, between Wanoga SnoPark to the junction with FR 4613-050.
- ❖ **Swampy Lakes** – Most trails still under at least patchy snow.
- ❖ **Todd Lake** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Tumalo Mountain** – Deep snow.
- ❖ **Broken Top** – Deep snow.
- ❖ **Todd Creek Horse Camp** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Ray Atkeson Trailhead and Sparks Lake** – Snow.
- ❖ **Green Lakes/Soda Creek** – Deep snow.
- ❖ **Devil's Lake/South Sister** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Quinn Meadow Horse Camp area trails** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Metolius Windigo Trail** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Moraine Lake** - Deep snow.



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- ❖ **Mirror Lakes** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Horse Lake** – Unknown. Likely patchy snow.
- ❖ **Elk Lake** – Snow.
- ❖ **Six Lakes** – Trailhead melted out but snow on trail.
- ❖ **Lucky Lake/Senoj** – Snow free with moderate downfall from trailhead to Lucky Lake. Snow beyond Lucky. Mosquitoes!
- ❖ **Cultus Lk, Corral Swamp and Winopee** – Trail around Cultus Lake snow free and clear. Trail heading north into Wilderness unknown, but likely snow and moderate downfall.
- ❖ **Many Lakes** – Patchy snow and mud.
- ❖ **Lemish Lake TH** – Snow.
- ❖ **Charlton Lake** – Snow.
- ❖ **Osprey Point** – Unknown. Likely patchy snow.
- ❖ **Fall River Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **South/North Twin Lakes** – Likely patchy snow with possible downfall.
- ❖ **Horse Butte to Swamp Wells area trails** – Snow free below Swamp Wells Horse Camp. Snow and likely downfall above SWHC.
- ❖ **Newberry Caldera Trails** – Caldera floor trails mostly snow free with unknown downfall. Crater Rim and Paulina Peak under deep snow.
- ❖ **Peter Skene Ogden Trail** – Snow free with unknown downfall.
- ❖ **Lava Cast Forest Trailhead** – Likely snow free and clear. NWFP required!
- ❖ **Hoffman Island Trailhead** – Likely snow free and clear.

## Sisters Ranger District:

- ❖ **Black Butte** – Snow free with light downfall.
- ❖ **Metolius River Trails** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Suttle Lake Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Lake Creek Trail** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Whychus Creek** – Snow free and clear. Temporary closure of trailhead. Follow signs to alternate parking area. **Please, stay on the main designated trail and avoid using posted and closed social trails in restoration sections.**



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- ❖ **Whychus Overlook Trail** (barrier free, closed to stock and bikes) – Snow free and clear. Please stay on designated trails. Enjoy the newly constructed vault toilet!
- ❖ **Peterson Ridge Trails** – Snow free and clear. Check out the new trailhead on FR 16!
- ❖ **Metolius-Windigo** – Unknown. Likely snow free on areas below 5000 ft. Moderate to heavy downfall possible through Pole Creek fire scar.
- ❖ **Tam Rim/Three Creeks Area** – Deep snow.
- ❖ **PCT** - Deep snow and unknown blowdown.
- ❖ **Scott Pass/Millican Crater** – Snow with light blowdown.
- ❖ **Black Crater** – Snow with moderate blowdown. Hwy 242 closed through mid-June.
- ❖ **Chush Falls** – Snow free with moderate blowdown.
- ❖ **Pole Creek/Green Lakes/Park Meadow/Camp Lake/DeMaris Lake** – Snow free with moderate blowdown between TH and junction with Green Lakes Trail. Snow and downfall beyond.
- ❖ **Head of Jack Creek** – Snow free and clear.
- ❖ **Jefferson Lake** – Lower 3 miles snow free and clear. Unknown conditions beyond.
- ❖ **Cabot Lake** – Snow free with light downfall from trailhead to Cabot Lake. Deep snow beyond.
- ❖ **Rockpile Lake** – Snow free and clear for first two miles. Unknown conditions beyond.
- ❖ **Jack Lake TH** – Trailhead is accessible. Patchy snow and then deep snow heading toward Wasco. Heavy downfall heading south on Old Summit.
- ❖ **Round Lake** – Snow free with light downfall from TH to lake.
- ❖ **MINTO LAKE, BRUSH CREEK AND SUGAR PINE RIDGE TRAILS ARE ALL IMPASSIBLE DUE TO BRUSH, HEAVY DOWNFALL AND EROSION.**

## Crescent Ranger District:

- ❖ **PCT** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Oldenberg/Windy Lakes** – Unknown. Possible snow.
- ❖ **Summit Lake** – Snow likely.
- ❖ **Meek Lake** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Whitefish Horse Camp** – Likely melted out. Unknown downfall.
- ❖ **Pretty Lake/Fawn Lake** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Metolius-Windigo** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Maiden Peak** - Deep snow.
- ❖ **Pengra Pass TH** – Unknown.
- ❖ **Yoran Lake** – Unknown. Likely snow.

## **JUNE SPECIAL TRAIL EVENTS:**

Dirty Half Trail Run – June 11<sup>th</sup> – Trail running race using trails in Phil’s system.

## **SEASONAL ROAD CLOSURES/OPENINGS:**

Hwy 46	OPEN for the summer season.
FR 370	CLOSED due to deep snow.
Tumalo Falls Road (FR 4603)	OPEN for the summer season.
FR 21	OPEN for the summer season.
Hwy 242	CLOSED for the winter season.
FR 16	CLOSED at Upper Three Creeks SnoPark.
FR 60	OPEN for the summer season.

## **“LEAVE NO TRACE” REMINDER:**

PLEASE, PRACTICE THE SEVEN LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPALS:

**Plan Ahead and Prepare**

**Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces**

**Dispose of Waste Properly**

**Leave What You Find**

**Minimize Campfire Impacts**

**Respect Wildlife**

**Be Considerate of Other Visitors**

For details on the 7 LNT Principals: <http://lnt.org/learn/7-principles>

## **TEN ESSENTIAL SYSTEMS – WHAT TO ALWAYS HAVE WITH YOU ON THE TRAIL**

For details on the “Ten Essential **Systems**”:

[http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s\\_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm\\_mmc=ps\\_google\\_CH-\\_-Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike-\\_-Camping%2fHiking\\_GeneralTerms\\_Essentials-\\_-ten%20essentials&gclid=CNq\\_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ](http://www.rei.com/expertadvice/articles/ten+essentials.html?s_kwcid=TC|13029|ten%20essentials||S|p|7499840765&cm_mmc=ps_google_CH-_-Category%20-%20Camp%2fHike-_-Camping%2fHiking_GeneralTerms_Essentials-_-ten%20essentials&gclid=CNq_h8Xbsq4CFQN8hwodYhH-PQ)



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**For further information on Deschutes National Forest winter or summer trails, please call:**

Deschutes National Forest Headquarters: (541) 383-5300

Bend/Fort Rock Ranger District: (541) 383-4000

Sisters Ranger District: (541) 549-7700

Crescent Ranger District: (541) 433-3200

Find this weekly trail access and condition report on the Deschutes National Forest website at:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/deschutes/home/?cid=stelprdb5347630>